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Community connects along Animas



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal members and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students link hands with other community members during a historic undertaking on Thursday, Sept. 27 along the Animas River Trail. The event, dubbed "Durango Connect," was a first for the Colorado mountain town, celebrating the success of its river trail by linking more than 9,000 people, hand in hand, to commemorate the 7-mile stretch of paved trail that follows the flow of the scenic Animas River southward through town.

GENERAL MEETING

Growth Fund, casino updates upbeat at general meeting

By Christopher R. Rizzo THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Diversification of the Southern Ute Growth Fund's investment portfolio continues under the direction of the tribe's Financial Plan, Executive Director Bruce Valdez told tribal members in a general meeting Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Growing enterprises span a variety of industries, including oil and gas exploration, natural gas gathering, pipeline operation and processing, and real estate developments.

"With the way the economy has gone, we are seeing things slowly make a come-

back," Valdez said. Though there have been some setbacks - such as dif-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

oil development in the Gulf of Mexico - the Growth

ress in many ventures, providing the tribe with relative-

Councilman Aaron V. Torres addresses tribal members at the Thursday, Sept. 20 general meeting.

ly steady revenue streams.

Valdez also discussed Growth Fund annual earnings and the outlook for tribal-member distribution in fiscal year 2013 - a hot topic especially among young adults ages 18-21, who will not see an increase over last year.

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Sr. explained that it's important that dividends to younger tribal members don't reach a level that exempts them from consideration for federal student aid.

"Many of the younger generation's trust fund dividends are disqualifying youth from certain government programs, such as [federal student aid]," he said, adding that many are making as much, if not more, than tribal elders.

Young tribal members must instead learn to budget and not depend on monthly dividend payments, Newton said.

Presentations continued with Sky Ute Casino Resort. Acting General Manager Charley Flagg gave a rosy report, discussing plans for the increased revenue the casino and restaurants saw this year.

"This year has been one of the best yet," he said.

The casino is headed in a direction that will allow it to repay the tribe's considerable investment in it, Flagg said. Forthcoming plans will continue to boost sales, he said.

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community work that went into winning national monument status for Chimney Rock during a celebration on Friday, Sept. 21. Joining Bennet were (left to right) Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, and Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Harris Sherman.

CHIMNEY ROCK

It's official: Chimney Rock a national monument

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

"Welcome to Chimney Rock National Monument!"

The members of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association had waited years to say it. Their shout kicked off a Friday, Sept. 21 celebration in southwest Colorado, attended by local politicians, members of President Obama's Cabinet, and leaders of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, to ring in the creation of the United States' newest national

monument. "Chimney Rock draws thousands of visitors who seek out its rich cultural and recreational opportunities," Obama said in a release announcing his signing of a proclamation to bestow the status. "Today's designation will ensure this important and historic site will receive the protection it deserves."

Chimney Rock, widely known for its twin sandstone spires, sits on 4,100 acres of San Juan National Forest land on the east side of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The site was home to the ancestors of modern Pueblo Indians a

By Ace Stryker millennium ago, according to the association. Extant homes and ceremonial buildings draw roughly 15,000 visitors a year.

> The U.S. Forest Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will manage the new monument. Secretary Tom Vilsack of the USDA said the designation would both protect the site and increase tourism appeal.

> "Thanks to President Obama's actions, we are preserving one of Colorado's — and one of America's - unique cultural gems," he said. "It's going to demonstrate to the country that good preservation is almost always good economics."

CELEBRATING THE 'GIFT'

Though the president was absent for the celebration - he signed the proclamation from Washington, D.C. several high-ranking members of his administration attended, including Vilsack and U.S. Department of the Interior Secre-

Chimney Rock page 16

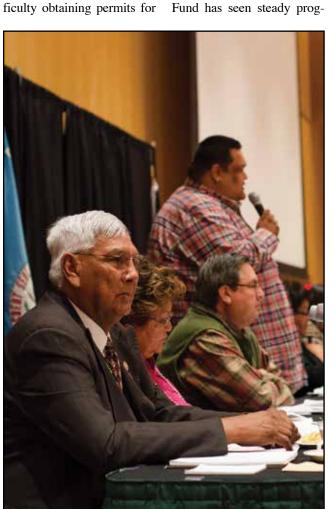
tary Ken Salazar.

Fish in the classroom



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy continues to do its part training stewards of nature in its ongoing commitment to the Fish in the Classroom curriculum. Endangered Colorado pikeminnow, on loan from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, reside in an Upper Elementary classroom as part of the conservation project. The program is coordinated through the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife. For more coverage, see page 9.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. sits before the tribal membership during opening remarks at the general meeting at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, Sept. 20.

NEWS IN BRIEF

IGNACIO

ROAD RUNNER **HOLIDAY HOURS**

Road Runner Transit Services will not be running on Monday, Oct. 8 in observance of Cultural Diversity Day. Regular services will resume Tuesday, Oct. 9. This includes the Dial-A-Ride Service in Ignacio. Refer questions to Roadrunner Transit at 970-563-4545 or 970-749-0223.

CELEBRATING SAINT TEKAKWITHA

St. Ignatius will be celebrating the canonization of the first Native American saint, blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, on Sunday, Oct. 21. Several events are planned, including a procession through the Town of Ignacio, adoration of the newest saint with flowers, and a meal prepared by the Carmelitas following mass. The celebration will take place in conjunction with the Holy Catholic Church's canonization in Rome. For more info, call St. Ignatius at 970-563-4241 or visit www.stignatiuschurch-ignacio.com.

AGRICULTURAL LAND MANAGERS NOTICE

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 Cost-share Program. The Cost-share Program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices

(BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements. The majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information.

SEARCH-AND-RESCUE CARDS AVAILABLE

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hunters and anglers should be aware that obtaining a tribal hunting or fishing permit does not automatically extend CORSAR coverage. Tribal-permitted and anglers should consider purchasing CORSAR cards through local vendors, especially if using remote locations in the off-reservation Brunot Treaty Area. For more info, call the La Plata County Sherriff's Office at 970-382-6274.

VETERANS POWWOW DATE CHANGED TO **NOV. 10**

The date of the Southern Ute Veterans Powwow has been changed to Nov. 10. It will still take place at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

FREE BISON MEAT **AVAILABLE TO** TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

Correction

Credit for photos in the Sept. 21 issue of The Southern Ute Drum of the REZ-urrection Concert during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair was solely given to Robert Ortiz. For three of the six photos, it should have been given to Ellinda Patrice.

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MANY MOONS AGO



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10 years ago

Southern Ute tribal member Deanna Beth Frost was crowned Miss Indian Colorado 2003. The crowning of Miss Indian Colorado and Jr. Miss Indian Colorado took place at the Council Tree Powwow on Saturday, Sept. 21 in Delta, Colo. The title of Jr. Miss Indian Colorado went to fellow Southern Ute Kelsey Monroe. All participants for the Miss Indian Colorado pageant were from Ignacio. Pictured (left to right) are contestant Leann Wilson, Jr. Miss Indian Colorado 2002 Sierrah Lofton-Bearrobe, Frost, and Miss Indian Colorado 2002 Martina Rae Gallegos.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 4, 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Raymond Frost/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The Southern Ute Heritage Dancers performed at Carstens Ranch between Ridgway and Telluride for Wild West Week. The Sheridan Arts Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to education and the performing arts, hosted the event for 750 guests. The focus of the event was to recreate historical heritage from 1800 to 1875. The group participated in cultural performances of dance and music. The performers were sent by the tribe to further the recognition and contributions the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has made to the State of Colorado, according to Executive Officer Eugene Naranjo.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 2, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

A happy Linda Baker, Miss National Congress of American Indians 1982, with a blanket presented to her by the North Dakota host tribes. She received many gifts from various tribes and individuals.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 8, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

CULTURAL UPDATE

ATTENTION PERFORMERS

The Cultural Preservation Department is been contacted in a while, it's because you need to update your information. Call

Tara Vigil, special events coordinator, at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624 or 970-442-1185 looking to update and add on to the list or email tvigil@southern-ute.nsn.us. The for all Native powwow dancers, Ute Bear department is also looking for interested dancers, and Ute lame and T dancers. If Ute flute players, Ute storytellers, Ute you know you're on the list but haven't artists, Ute speakers and presenters, and Ute beaders and seamstresses for teaching classes and performing at events.

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Keeping the craft alive



May Lehi, demonstrates traditional Ute basket-weaving techniques in the lobby of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Saturday, Sept. 29. Lehi is one of four remaining elders from White Mesa, Utah, who routinely practice the craft. Her baskets take anywhere from a few days to several weeks to complete, depending on size, and can sell for hundreds of dollars.

Dancers perform at retreat



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The younger members of a Southern Ute cultural dancers' group performed during the Southern Ute Growth Fund's retreat at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center on Thursday, Sept. 27.





Melanie Seibel (foreground) and Mandy Naranjo dance during the fancy shawl portion of the performance for employees of the Southern Ute Growth Fund.

Nakwihi Perry dazzles Southern Ute Growth Fund employees with his blurring dance moves during the men's fancy feather dance performance.

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Culture

17. Verbs (part 2 of 3)

By Tom Givón UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

17.2. VERBS WITH VERBAL COMPLEMENTS

Verbs in this class take verbal complements – rather than object nouns. Clauses with such verbs have a more complex grammatical structure, with the main verb marked one way and the **complement verb** another. We divide these verbs into three main sub-groups.

17.2.1 MODAL-ASPECTUAL VERBS

Verbs in this group convey meanings such as wish, refusal, planning, ability, attempt, success or failure to perform an action. They may also convey meanings such as beginning, ending or continuing to perform an action. Some of them, such as "finish," "stop," or "start," imply that the event in the complement verb has occurred or has been completed. Others, such as "want," "be able," or "plan," do not carry such an implication.

Syntactically, the subject of the main verb here is identical ("co-referent") to the subject of the complement verb. When there is no implication of a completed event, the complement verb is marked with the suffix combination -vaa/-paa ("unrealized") and -chi. If the subject is then plural, both main and complement verb must take the plural-subject marker. Thus compare:

(6) a. mamachi tukuavi tuka-**vaa-ch**i 'ásti-'i woman/S meat/O eat-IRR-NOM want-IMM 'the woman wants to eat the meat'

b. máam<u>a</u>chi-u tukuavi tuka-qha-**paa-ch**<u>i</u> 'ásti-kya-y women/S-PL mean/O eat-PL-IRR-NOM want-PL-IMM

'the women want to eat the meat'

When completion of the event is implied, however, the main and complement verbs are combined into a single **complex verbal word**. Only one plural suffix can be used then. Thus compare:

'ini-**maku**-kwa (7) a. mamachi tukapi woman/S food/O make-finish-ANT 'the woman finished preparing (the) food'

b. máamachi-u tukapi 'ini-maku-kwa-qha women-PL food/O make-finish-PL

'the women finished preparing (the) food

(b) MANIPULATION VERBS [v-tr-manip]

Verbs in this group express complex events in which the agent/subject of the main verb manipulates another person, the manipulee, to perform the action that is coded in the complement clause. Syntactically, the subject of the complement verb is also the object of the main verb. When the manipulation is only attempted rather than completed, the complement verb is marked with the suffix combination -vaa/-paa ("unrealized") and -ku. And if the object ("manipulee") is plural, the complement verb must take the plural suffix, as in:

(8) a. mamachi 'áapachi tuka-**vaa-ku** may-kya tukuavi woman/S boy/0 eat-IRR-NOM tell-ANT 'the woman told the boy to eat the meat' may-kya mamach<u>i</u> 'áa'<u>a</u>pachi-u tukuavi tuka-**qha-paa-ku** woman/S child/O-PL meat/O eat-PL-IRR-NOM tell-ANT 'the woman told the boys to eat the meat'

The verb "cause"/"make" -ti- usually implies that the event in the complement has been completed. When -ti- is used as the main verb, it merges with its complement-verb to become a complex verbal word, as in:

sivaatuchi na'achichi magha-**ti**-kya (9) a. mamach<u>i</u> woman/S girl/O goat/O feed-CAUS-ANT 'the woman made the girl feed the goat'

náan<u>a</u>'achichi-u sivaatuchi magha-**ti**-kya mamach<u>i</u> woman/S girls/O-PL goat/O feed-CAUS-ANT 'the woman made the girls feed the goat'

(a) PERCEPTION-COGNITION-UTTERANCE VERBS

Verbs in this sub-group include perception verbs such as "see" or "hear," cognition verbs such as "know," "think," "understand," "remember" or "forget," and utterance verbs such as "say"/"tell." Most of these verbs are transitive ("take an object"), and as such belong to other classes as well. Syntactically, the complement verb here is marked with the suffix -na, often followed by the object suffix -y. What is more, the subject of these complements is marked as a **possessor** ("genitive") of the action. Thus compare:

(10) a. As main clause:

mamach<u>i</u> tukuavi tuka-qha woman/S meat/O eat-ANT

'the woman ate the meat' b. As complement to another main clause:

'áapach<u>i</u> p<u>u</u>chuchugwa-y mamach**i** tuka-qha-**na-y** tukuavi woman/G boy/S know-IMM eat-ANT-NOM-O meat/O 'the boy knows that the woman ate the meat'

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Museum accepts donations



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum has recently accepted two donations. A \$50,000 donation from Susan Singh will be used toward the Eagle Fund Endowment and operations of the museum, and a \$5,000 donation from Tom Gamel will be used on an exhibit about the Southern Ute tribal seal designed by Stanley Frost and Ben Watts. Museum staff members (left to right) Venessa Carel, Nathan Strong Elk, Larry Gooden, Jared Canty, Rachael Burch and Rose Rivera proudly show the two donation checks. Strong Elk, the museum's executive director, said the checks are the first steps toward raising funds for the Eagle Fund Endowment and the museum. The museum has raised \$343,835 of the \$10 million endowment. The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has promised to match \$5 million of the \$10 million Eagle Fund Endowment to fund the museum, he said.

KIDNEY CORNER

The ABCs of IgA nephritis

By Dr. Mark Saddler DURANGO NEPHROLOGY ASSOCIATES

IgA nephritis — also called IgA nephropathy, IgA glomerulonephritis and Berger's disease — is an important topic because it's the most common type of glomerulonephritis worldwide and is especially common in Native Americans.

Let's start with some terminology, because there are a lot of long words in that last paragraph. "Glomerulonephritis" means an inflammation of the filtering part of the kidney. There are many different types of glomerulonephritis; many are dangerous and can result in kidney failure.

IgA is one type of glomerulonephritis. It stands for "Immunoglobulin A." Immunoglobulins are proteins the body makes to defend against infections, and IgA is the type particularly involved in protection against upper respiratory infections.

OK, hang with me: Things will start getting simpler soon! Some people make IgA that is abnormal and can become deposited in the kidney. This results in the disease we call IgA nephropathy. It can occur in people of any age, though it is most common



in people 15 to 30. It's also more common in Asians and Native Americans.

Like most glomerulonephritis, it can present with ankle or facial swelling, which is due to loss of protein in the urine. Some patients with IgA nephropathy notice frankly red urine due to blood in the urine. This can sometimes follow an upper respiratory infection, such as a sore throat or common cold.

Unfortunately, many people with this problem are not aware there's any problem with their kidneys, and it can sometimes present with kidney failure. Usually, however, the IgA nephropathy has been present, though undetected, for a long time before the kidney failure.

There are no good specific blood tests to make the diagnosis of IgA nephropathy. It usually requires a kidney biopsy, in which a tiny piece of kidney tissue is obtained using a needle to make a definite diagnosis.

Treatment of IgA nephropathy depends on how severe the presentation is. Most people who have this problem don't need any treatment other than carefully watching the kidney function to ensure is different, a new vaccine is it's not getting worse.

Sometimes blood pressure both to lower the blood presample, steroid medicines nated also. like prednisone. Much research is still in progress to determine what is the best treatment for this condition.

Most people with IgA nephropathy do very well, with good kidney function throughout their lives. In fact, many people probably have the disease and are unaware of it throughout their lives. But a small minority will develop worsening kidney failure, which requires the type of aggressive treatment mentioned above. Therefore patients with this condition require careful monitoring.

YOUR HEALTH

Flu vaccine clinics offered

Media release SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Flu vaccine season is here once again.

Influenza, or "flu," is a serious illness that can lead to hospitalization and even death. Since every flu season

developed each year.

The vaccine is recommedications can be needed, mended for anyone 6 months or older. It's essure and to decrease the pro- pecially important for the tein loss in the urine. How- elderly (over 65), families ever, if the protein loss is with infants, pregnant womvery high, or if there is evi- en, healthcare workers, and dence of ongoing damage to individuals with chronic illthe kidneys, we sometimes nesses, such as diabetes. It's need to treat this condition also important that family with medicines that suppress members of people in these the immune system: for ex- high-risk groups get vacci-

It is, however, highly recommended for all. Healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to those who are more vulnerable. The season can begin as early as October and last as late as Mav.

An annual flu vaccine is the best way to reduce the chances that you will get seasonal flu and lessen the chance that you'll spread it to others. When more people in the community are vaccinated against the flu, less of the illness can spread throughout the community.

The Southern Ute Health Center will be offering flu vaccine clinics on Fridays Oct. 12, 19 and 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary, and the wait will be minimal. You must be a registered patient at the Southern Ute Health Center to receive flu shots at these clinics.

A flu clinic will also take place Friday, Nov. 2 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will be open to casino and tribal employees and Southern Ute Health Center patients.

Other clinics will be offered at a later date, so take advantage of one to take care of yourself and your family this fall and winter.

Vaccines will also be available to homebound individuals by Southern Ute Health Center Public Health Nursing. For info, call Susan Turner at 970-563-4581

Family night at Head Start



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start hosted another of its monthly family nights Wednesday, Sept. 26 in the gym. Jake Candelaria and family participated in the activity.





The evening's event included a pancake dinner and dramatic reading of "The Gingerbread Man." Students had made gingerbread man puppets and used stickers to create scenes from the book as part of the activity.

The family night gives parents an opportunity to spend an evening with their children and meet other parents, and teachers and advocates a chance to meet with families. The Head Start has a Christmas crafts family night planned for Thursday, Oct. 25 and a grandparents dinner on Sunday, Nov. 25.

NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

USDA, BIA work to boost Indian Country farm programs

Staff report U.S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR

Officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have signed two memorandums of understanding designed to foster improved access to USDA and BIA programs by tribes and tribal members.

The memorandums apply to programs administered by the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rural Development at USDA, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior. The MOUs will further improve the important government-to-government relationships and also the services offered between USDA, BIA and the tribal governments and the communities they serve.

"This agreement between

USDA and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will help us increase efficiency, reduce redundancy, and improve communications and services between our agencies and the tribes," said Under Secretary for Rural Development Dallas Tonsager. "These improvements will help to spur economic development, strengthen the communities and improve the lives of the people of Indian country."

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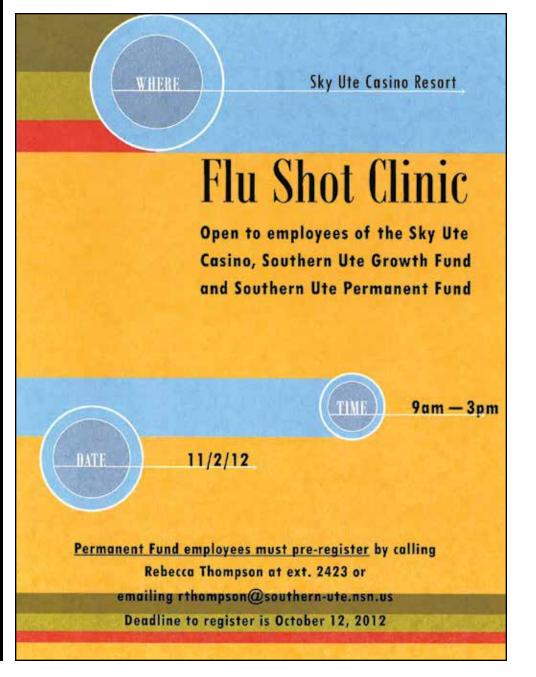
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EDUCATION UPDATE

ADMINISTRATIVE RECEPTIONIST/ CLERK CERTIFICATE

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is working with the Emily Griffith Opportunity School in regards to an administrative clerk/receptionist certificate for 6 months at the Southern Ute Education Department. Tribal scholarships are available as well as Emily Griffith Opportunity School applications. Students must apply online for enrollment. Twelve slots are available. Deadline has been extended to Oct. 5. If you are interested in signing up or want information, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education would like to announce the next GED test on Oct. 5. The test is held at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953. **The GED test will** be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will be thrown out and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date. The Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL TO **BREAK GROUND**

Ignacio School District will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Ignacio Middle School on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend this exciting opportunity to hear performances by music students and witness the groundbreaking on the new school site on County Road 320 across from the Intermediate School. FCI Construction has been awarded the bid and will begin work immediately to have the new school ready for occupancy in August 2013. When attending the event, please park in the Intermediate School parking lot and walk across the road to the open field.

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

Great stuff and great bargains will be available at a fundraiser for Piedra Learning Community on Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 110 E. South St. in Bayfield.

HIGHER EDUCATION CLASSES October classes

- Saturday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bread class: yeast bread, tortillas, fry bread and biscuits
- Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pie class: peach, apple and pumpkin pies November classes
- Saturday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Holiday turkey class: cook a turkey dinner
- Saturday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Christmas card class with Brenda Marshall All classes will be in the Higher Education Building. Call Luana Herrera to sign up at 970-563-0237.

ORDER BUTTER BRAIDS NOW

Piedra Learning Community is taking orders for butter braid pastry now through Oct. 28. \$12 each. Flavors are cream cheese, blueberry cream cheese, cherry, apple, cinnamon and caramel. Call 970-884-3259 or email skillsforlandl@gmail. com. Delivery on Nov. 1; stock up for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

IGNACIO SCHOOLS HOST 'CURING CANCER WITH CRAFTS'

The Ignacio schools' Relay for Life team is once again hosting a "Curing Cancer with Crafts" craft fair on Nov. 3. For more info, call Deb Otten at 970-382-8754 or email dotten@ignacio.k12.co.us. There will be a limited amount of space and round tables available on a first-comefirst-served basis.

EDUCATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for tribal members who are interested in working for six months as an intern. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department at 970-563-0237.

VENDORS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE DEC. 1

Call Piedra Learning Community at

970-884-3259 or email skillsforlandl@ gmail.com to register for a 6-foot space for \$30. Room for more than 50 vendors will fill up fast.

ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM TAKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first-come-first-served basis. There 20 scholarships available at this time. The scholarships are for tribal members who are interested in attending a vocational training school or a junior college with a certificate program. In order for students to attend any school, it has to be an accredited and approved by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. There is no deadline for the certificate program, since some vocational training schools are year round. If you are interested in applying for a certificate, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.



The Bayfield Lions Club every year presents each third-grader at the Southern Ute Indian

Montessori Academy with a dictionary to start them on the road to advanced reading

and writing. Lynn Tollar, a teacher and club member, helped teach the students how to

Back-to-school barbecue

use their new books.

Education

Lions Club donates dictionaries

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

courtesy Ken Gaherty/Bayfield Lions Club

The Southern Ute Education Department hosted a back-to-school barbecue Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the Multi-purpose Facility to welcome students and faculty returning for another year. Dominique Rael was one of many students to partake in the face painting offered at the community event.



Parents and teachers mingle with longtime residents during the barbecue social.

Bicycles were raffled off to the older students.

PINE RIVER COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER CLASSES

ELEMENTS

BASICS OF COMPUTERS

Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Ignacio Learning Center

The instructor is Dr. Rob Matyska. The cost is \$10. Register by Monday, Oct. 8; maximum of 10 people, minimum of four.

ADULT DANCE CLASS

Thursday, Oct. 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center in Bayfield

The instructor is Dr. Kenny Monger. He has been in many dance competitions and will show us how to dance salsa, waltz and tango. There will be eight Thursday evening sessions, skipping the Thanksgiving Thursday. The cost is \$95. Register by Tuesday, Oct. 9; maximum of 20 people.

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT MONEY AND HOW TO MANAGE IT

Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Ignacio Learning Center

The instructor is Ron Dunavant, president of First National Bank of Durango in Bayfield. He will discuss credit cards, debit cards, savings accounts, budgets and more. There will be three ordw four sessions, depending on how much you want to know. The cost is \$20. Register by Monday, Oct. 15; maximum of 15 people, minimum of four.

INTRO TO ADOBE PHOTOSHOP

Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ignacio Learning Center

The instructor will be Tish Nelson, M.Ed. The cost is \$15. Register by Monday, Oct. 15; maximum of 8 people, minimum of four.

INTRO TO MICROSOFT OFFICE **EXCEL**

Wednesdays, Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Ignacio Learning Center

The instructor is Dr. Rob Matyska. The cost is \$20. Register by Monday, Oct. 15; maximum of eight people, minimum of four.

INTRO TO KNITTING

Thursdays, Oct. 18 and, Oct. 25 from 11:30 am to 12:30 p.m. at the Bayfield

The instructor is Dr. Rob Matyska. The cost is \$20. Register by Wednesday, Oct. 17; maximum of 10 people, mini-

Sign up early to reserve your spot by calling the Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 to register for any of these classes.

Sudden Science Clubs for grades 3-5

Southern Ute Education Department

Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm

Are you a 3rd-5th grader? Not sure what to do after school? Come discover your inner scientist in this fun, interactive class!

Have you ever wondered how to light up a light bulb? How to keep an egg safe from a three-story fall onto cement? Build a bridge with common household objects? Have you ever wanted to construct your own roller coaster, or design a "green" building? Come learn new skills, and find answers to these questions and many more during Sudden Science: our hour-long, experiment-based after school program! The Durango Discovery Museum's enthusiastic educational staff will guide 3-5th grade Ignacio students through hands-on activities beginning September 27th, and running on Thursdays through January 31st.

Further information is available online at our website: www.durangodiscovery.org. See you in the lab!

spark curiosity, ignite imagination and power exploration

For further questions please contact: Jen Lokey, Curriculum & Education Program Manager Durango Discovery Museum • 403-1742 • jen@durangodiscovery.org







Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Nick Herrera (85) catches some air as well as a long pass against the 3A Montezuma-Cortez JV during Homecoming action at IHS Field on Saturday, Sept. 22. With quarterback Adison Jones throwing for over 350 (almost 180 to Herrera) yards — Monte Vista would have none of that the following week — the Bobcats pounded the Panthers 49-26.

IHS FOOTBALL

Pirates put pummeling on Ignacio

By Joel Priest SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Fifty-five years to the day after the first recorded instance of a college football team being held to negative passing yardage, the passhappy Bobcats will line up for their Friday, Oct. 5 kickoff at IHS Field fortunate not to have met a similar fate the previous Friday.

Sophomore quarterback Adison Jones' lengthy second-quarter TD toss to reactivated junior Adam Herrera - teammates' recollections put it between 40 and 50 yards — not only kept a plus attached to Ignacio's aerial output, but accounted for Ignacio's lone buoy afloat in a Monte Vista-owned Sullivan Field sea.

Sunk on Homecoming a week earlier, 48-20 by clasheavyweights Hotchkiss, the Pirates resurfaced with a 60-6 vengeance over Ignacio to begin 1A Southern Peaks Conference play.

Establishing their potent ground game for new boss Greg Jones, MV - No. 9 in the Denver Post's and Colorado Preps' rankings going in — scored twice in the first



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kelton Richmond brings a 3A Montezuma-Cortez JV ball carrier to his knees during the Bobcats' 49-26 Homecoming victory on Saturday, Sept. 22. Monte Vista, topping the 400-yard plateau in rushing the following week, made this type of task incredibly difficult.

quarter, once on a plunge by senior Shadron Wenta (12-113 rushing), and never looked back.

A scoring QB keeper by junior Michael Sanchez (5-52) later made the hosts' halftime advantage 40-6, and the CHSAA mercy-rule running clock kicked in with 8:06 left in the third when junior Mitchell Vanderpool (4-54) scored one of his three touchdowns, increasing the deficit to 47-6.

Junior Dalton Quintana

pushed the Pirates (4-1, 1-0), who also got scores from senior Hansel Garcia (13-156) a 25-23 win. and soph Daniel Borunda - via a 40-yard pass from 0-7 SJBL) took a quick lead Sanchez — over the half- on an errant Angela Herrera century with 72 seconds left, pass and then a Malori Truand freshman Presley Garcia's score late in the fourth established the final margin.

Senior Camillo Atehortua was 5-of-8 in point-after kicks, and Hansel Garcia

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IHS VOLLEYBALL

Volleycats match '11 win total

By Joel Priest SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

She'd already found and fired - three aces run-

Fortunately for Ignacio, she failed to find a fourth: even with the deck stacked heavily against them, as in the Sept. 29 San Juan Basin League triangular's preceding match against Dolores, the Lady Trojans had proven themselves unwilling to fold inside IHS Gymnasium.

And with Michelle Simmons resting a sore knee on the Volleycats' bench, leaving IHS more vulnerable to a sneak attack, one more Mackenzie Webb ace could have given Ouray and new skipper C.J. Rabinowitz the momentum needed to deny Ignacio a sweep - if not overturn the tables altogether.

"After the match I did go up to the coach and let her know how much improvement I had seen out of the girls, last year to this year," said IHS head coach Thad Cano. "So they're definitely working on that program up there. Give them a couple years. I think they're going to be OK."

After having seen her team's apparent wire-towire lead in Set 2 (after a narrow 25-20 escape in Set 1) contract to nothing at 16-16 when Seibel hit long, Simmons returned for the whole of Set 3 — after Ouray errors, including a net violation against middle Olivia Lockhart on set point, gift-wrapped four of Ignacio's final five points in

The Lady Trojans (0-12,



Ignacio senior Michelle Simmons (3) hovers before terminating an unquestioned kill against Ouray and Lady Trojan Sarah Pankow (kneeling). Ignacio swept OHS in three sets.

jillo ace, but Simmons then presented them the fear factor that had been missing. Smashing two clean kills, courtesy Cloe Seibel sets, and disposing of a Ouray overpass put the Cats ahead 3-2.

Cloe Seibel then followed with an ace, and Ignacio was soon rapidly rolling towards already equaling its 2011 victory total. Senior Mariah Vigil got Ignacio into double digits at 10-5 with a kill from the right side, and capped an ensuing 6-1 spurt with two aces.

"With our girls, it was just that lackadaisical mentality, that we-know-we-can-beatthem, step-it-up-when-weneed-to," Cano said. "Still have to work on developing

that killer instinct to just go in there, take care of business, and walk away."

And unlike the previous set, Ignacio made five of their final six points - a Herrera free ball perfectly placed in a deep corner behind Trujillo, a Simmons kill, a Cloe Seibel dumped set into space, and two Simmons aces to bring up match point at 24-12. A botched Ouray pass then gave Ignacio its seventh triumph of 2012, taking some of the sting out of its third loss: a 16-25, 27-25, 16-25, 11-25 beating administered by Dolores' Lady Bears to begin

Volleyball page 7

Thinking pink



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Representing the youngest of Ignacio Junior High's volleyball squads in Pink Digs for the Cure VI - with the most programs ever included - Misty Egger (3) and Keyana Valdez (24) of the C-2 team hustle after a sinking ball against Bayfield Middle School on Thursday, Sept. 20 inside BMS Gymnasium. The C-2s overcame a 25-9 Set 1 loss to win the next two 25-13 and 18-16. Ignacio High's Volleycats





Ignacio Junior High C-1 volleyball coach Kathy Herrera (right) discusses strategy with C-2 mentor Tony Kimball during a break in action Thursday, Sept. 20 inside Bayfield Middle School Gymnasium as part of IJHS's initial inclusion in Pink Digs for the Cure.

One of three "All-Star Survivors" honored Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Ignacio Junior High-at-Bayfield Middle volleyball matches, part of the 2012 Pink Digs for the Cure VI lineup of events, Sandra Herrera gets a hug and colored ball from BMS A-teamer Maddi Foutz, daughter of former Ignacio head

coach Terene Foutz.

Bobcats celebrate Homecoming



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The Ignacio High School Band performs "The Star-Spangled Banner" prior to kickoff of the Bobcat football team's Homecoming 2012 game against the 3A Montezuma-Cortez JV on Saturday, Sept. 22.





With father Mel Baker to her right and Homecoming King Andrew Guire (52) to her left, Queen Michelle Simmons makes the walk to midfield after being announced to the IHS Field fans at halftime of the Bobcats' football game on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Ignacio Cheer Squad regular ShaRay Rock gets a kick out of leading a platoon of future cheerleaders through a multi-chant routine during halftime of the Bobcat football team's 49-26 Homecoming defeat of the 3A Montezuma-Cortez JV on Saturday, Sept. 22.

All creatures great...



Ray Torres drew the bighorn

sheep tag for the south unit

of the Brunot area this year.

He covered many miles and

climbed multiple mountains

before connecting on this mature ram on Friday, Sept. 21. Based on the growth rings on the horns, this ram is probably 6 or 7 years old.

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Johnson, Danielle Austin, and Ben Zimmerman the Southern Wildlife Division stay busy Monday, Sept. 24 taking measurements from animals harvested by Southern Ute tribal members on Brunot lands. The recording of harvest data, such as antler size and the extraction of teeth, provides vital information to the crew.



courtesy Ray Torres



Sports

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ernest "Muz" Pinnecoose did a lot of prep work and scouting before starting his moose hunt this year in the Brunot area. After initial scouting trips, he thought it might turn out to be an easy hunt — but as often happens after the season begins, the moose seemed to get scarce. But Pinnecoose hunted hard and finally harvested this beautiful and unique bull moose south of Lake City on Friday, Sept. 21.



Jerone Olguin spent several days hunting mountain goats in the high country near Silverton this fall. After passing over several other goats, he finally harvested this mature billy on Tuesday, Sept. 18. Olguin is no stranger to hunting in the Brunot area; two years ago, he drew a moose tag and harvested a bull.

CATS MATCH '11 WIN TOTAL • FROM PAGE 6

With former head coach Bayli Stillwell in attendance, Ignacio had few answers to slow the Lady Bears' attack led by senior Cydney McHenry and freshman Courtney Blackmer. A pairing of teams known for close encounters yielded a match

with only 13 ties-of-score. None came in Set 3, as Dolores (9-3, 6-1) led from start to finish and never let Ignacio come closer than 3-2. The count was only level in Set 4 at ones and twos before McHenry landed two aces that put DHS into fast-forward mode. Blackmer stuffed Vigil at the net for a 20-9 lead, put herself on serve at match point with a kill, and ended the action with an unreturnable offering.

Cloe Seibel had prevented a Lady Bears sweep with an ace to win Set 2, after the Cats, hampered by repeated struggles from the stripe, rallied back from 8-7 to finally tie at 23-23 on a Simmons spike.

"My past experience with this team? It is not a morning team. ... We will have issues with that the entire season for morning matches," Cano said. Quick to shake off fatigue



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Mariah Vigil (21) saves a ball in traffic as teammate Miel Diaz (foreground) and Dolores Lady Bears Ali Umberger (32) and Mindy McCracken (4) all swarm the play from both sides of the net. Ignacio lost in four sets.

when necessary, both Dolores and Ouray had played the night before traveling to Ignacio; OHS fell to emerging 1A power Dove Creek, while DHS lost in five to 2A Telluride.

"During summer it was the same way: got to figure out how to get past that morning issue," Cano said, "which is

going to be huge, especially if they pull together, end up going to the postseason."

Before reaching that bridge, however, more SJBL play: Nucla pays a visit to Ignacio next on Friday, Oct. 5 (4 p.m. start), with the Cats then hitting the road for 4 p.m. starts at Mancos on Oct. 9 and DHS on the Oct. 11.



Ignacio High School's senior class wears its colors proudly during the annual Homecoming Parade down Goddard Avenue in downtown Ignacio on Friday, Sept. 21.

SUNUTE UPDATE

"To expand and improve the quality of life for the Southern Ute tribal members and

surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural,

and spiritual growth through recreational activities.'

PIRATES PUMMEL IHS • FROM PAGE 6

Tagged for a whopping 260 points (52 per game) already this season, the Cats (1-4, 0-1) will engage a Centauri squad (4-1, 1-0) with "receiving votes" clout in the two major polls after their Sept. 29 shoot-

out-style 42-36 home win over Center.

The Falcons have also shown ability to win a tight game with a 7-6 escape over Paonia, prior to a 51-0 thrashing of Lake County in more nonconference action before the Vikings then allowing a milder 26 points per game - came to

First hosting Dolores (2-3, 1-0) to open the new month, Center (1-4, 0-1) visits Ignacio Friday, Oct. 12.

TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

Senior pride

Southern Ute tribal members: Enter to win a gift card every month for the next 12 months. You can enter the raffle if you work out in the gym or pool, participate in noon ball, or attend group exercise classes. Ages 10 and up. Tickets can be redeemed at the trainers' desk.

LIFEGUARD CLASS

The American Red Cross will host a lifeguard class at the SunUte Community Center pool Oct. 9-11 and 16-18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. The cost is \$100 for nontribal members, free for tribal members. Requirements: Swim well, face in the water, for 300 yards, front crawl, and breaststroke. Retrieve a 10-pound brick from 11 feet deep and swim the length of the pool with it. Pass all written tests at 80 percent or better. Proficiently perform all lifeguard skills. Must be on time and able to participate in all class sessions. Must be 16 or older. For more information call Lisa Allen, aquatics coordinator, at 970-563-0214.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

Men's unrestricted and Coed softball tournaments are Oct. 13-14. Entry fee is \$250 per team; register at the SunUte Community Center. We accept cash, credit cards and checks (payable to SunUte Community Center). Deadline to register is 5 p.m. on Oct. 10. Tournament schedule will be available on Oct. 12. Games will be played at the SunUte softball field. Players must be 16 or older. Players 16-17 must have a parent sign a liability waiver. Awards will be given for first through third places, All Tourneys, and MVPs. Men's unrestricted: Teams will be allowed to swing any bat. Teams will hit their own men's softball. Any core. Any compression L-Screen will be used for the pitcher. Coed: Men will hit 12-inch clincher balls. Women will hit .47-core balls. We will provide balls for the coed tournament. ASA bats on legal on legal list only. For more information, call Kayla Wing at 970-563-0214 or visit www.sunute.com.

Ignacio High School Fall sports schedule

FOOTBALL

Oct. 12 vs Center 7 p.m. Oct. 19 @ Del Norte 7 p.m. Oct. 26 vs Dolores 7 p.m.

JV FOOTBALL

Oct. 15 vs Dove Creek 5 p.m. Oct. 18 @ Mancos 6 p.m. Oct. 22 @ Cortez 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 5 vs Nucla 4 p.m. Oct. 9 @ Mancos 4 p.m. Oct. 11 @ Dolores 4 p.m. Oct. 12 vs Telluride 3 p.m.

Oct. 13 @ Tri (Norwood) Ouray 9 a.m. Oct. 19 @ Tri (Center) Mtn. Valley/Moffat 1 p.m. Oct. 26/27 SJBL - Districts (Ignacio) 9 a.m.





Southern Ute tribal elder Eddie Box Jr. stands with Durango Mayor Doug Lyon and Fort Lewis College President Dene Kay Thomas to cut the ribbon, officially opening the Animas River Trail. A sculpture was unveiled in recognition of the event on Thursday, Sept. 27.

Dressed in her traditional regalia, a young girl shares in the excitement.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley The Southern Ute Drum

Durango makes connection



The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy was present in full force, representing the tribe during Durango Connect.



Ignacio residents represent during Durango Connect.



From a high vantage point near the Animas Valley Mall, the human chain - 9,000 strong stretched out of sight in either direction.



Height and age didn't matter as 9,000 area residents linked hands to form a human chain along the Animas River Trail.





The high energy and clear autumn skies brought smiles to many during the communitywide celebration that brought more than 9,000 area residents together in a visible chain along the Animas River Trail.

Overlooking the Animas River, Durango Connect honors the 7-mile stretch of trail open to the public for year-round recreation.

Fish

NATURAL RESOURCES

Fish in the Classroom celebrates life aquatic

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

A small school of silvercolored fish tests the water's surface, expecting to be fed by familiar hands.

Instead, students are taking water samples to test the chemistry, checking for nitrates. Maintaining the fish's habitat is part of the students' curriculum.

The Fish in the Class-room program, which began in 2008 as a collaborative effort between the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and the Southern Ute Wildlife Division, has captured the attention of students year after year.

Southern Ute Wildlife Technician Jon Broholm spearheads the program.

"Fish in the Classroom is an environmental education program in which students raise fish through various life stages, study stream habitat, gain an understanding of ecosystems, an appreciation of water resources, and develop a conservation ethic," Broholm said.

Broholm said some of the program's activities include

stocking fish, taking field trips to the Durango Fish Hatchery, helping with restoration projects at Scott's Pond, dissecting fish, conducting bug surveys in the Pine River, and stenciling storm drains to prevent water pollution.

A number of endangered Colorado pikeminnow on loan from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service reside in an Upper Elementary classroom. Each year, students are selected to care for the fish and maintain the aquatic habitat with the help of wildlife representatives and teachers.

Younger students at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start participate in the program by having an aquarium of their own in a classroom for educational purposes.

The project was created in an effort to bring a hands-on environmental education program to the students that would include elements of science, math, outdoor recreation and even fine arts, Broholm said.

Broholm said he hopes the program will continue well into the future.

"I hope it captures the students' interest and motivates

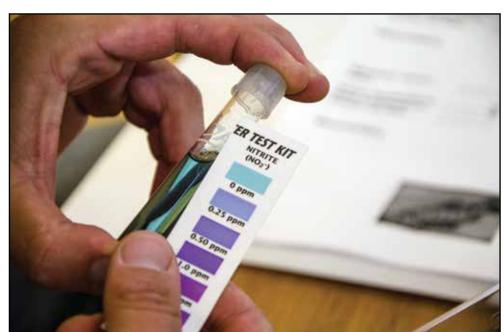


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Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students learn from having an in-class aquarium, provided by the Southern Ute Wildlife Division and maintained by teachers. The aquarium houses a number of roundtail chub, a rare and protected species native to Colorado River waters.

Water chemistry is tested using a color chart.

them to pursue science and learning about natural resources in their future," he said. "Maybe I'll even inspire a future fisheries biologist."



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

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Lakota Two Crow and Jawadin Corona help test pH levels and water chemistry, and feed the fish, as part of their in-class responsibilities.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Jeremiah Valdez lends a hand to an aspiring fisherwoman.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Wildlife Technician Jon Broholm helps Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students choose poles and bait during a fishing trip to Scott's Pond on Friday, Sept. 28.

Colorado pikeminnow fill the large classroom aquarium with life. The juvenile fish specimens are cared for by students from year to year.

FLY-FISHING

Becoming one with the fly

By Don Oliver Special to the Drum

Have you ever made a really good cast, set up what you thought was the perfect drift, and had it completely ignored?

Then make a sorry cast, followed with a screwball drift, and watch your fly be engulfed?

I know I have, and it can be really irritating. I believe this happens because too many of us really don't understand what constitutes a good drift.

To understand what drift means, one first has to know its definition. Since I am a professional fly-fisherman who also writes, I actually



own a dictionary: and not just some small desktop version, a Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary.

The reason I own such a large dictionary is that I can't figure out how to use the dictionary function on my computer.

I looked up drift in my dictionary and found 2.25 inches of definitions in small type. The one I think is most descriptive for fly-fishing reads as follows: "To become carried along subject to no guidance or control."

That seems pretty simple and straightforward. But to get your fly to drift with the appearance of no guidance or control from you is a completely different matter.

If a fly-fisherman can produce a drift that appears completely natural, he has a much better chance of catching a fish. Too often an upstream mend is made with the hope this will allow his fly to replicate an actual bug's trip downstream. And just as often, this doesn't work.

So how does a fly-fisherman go about obtaining the perfect drift? First he has to know what manmade piece of equipment most affects drift: the leader.

This is followed by how a fly-fisherman lets the wind and water current drag, push or pull the leader, and thus the fly.

There is more to obtaining a good drift than simply making an upstream mend. Since real bugs don't drift with a leader attached to them, a fly-fisherman needs to understand how different conditions affect drifting bugs. To better understand

the natural drift of a bug, I suggest some on-the-stream experimenting be done.

Get some old, beat-up flies from your fly box and cut off the hooks. (A free-floating fly will attract fish, and you don't want to leave a hook in a fish.) Find some riffles, seams, slow and fast water. Decide where you'd most likely place a cast and go to that spot.

Standing at that spot, release a fly and watch where it goes and its route of travel. Simply put, in the various conditions mentioned above, a free-floating fly will replicate the natural drift of a bug.

Watch its speed. Does it move all over the riffle or

follow a direct route to a stopping place? What happens when the fly moves into slow or dead water at the end of the drift?

Do this experiment with different sizes of flies and in different conditions.

To finish the experiment, look around and see where you need to be standing to have the best opportunity to get your fly to the sweet spot. Your position on the stream or bank will help your presentation.

Then do it for real. Tie on a fly, make your cast, mend so your fly follows the drift you previously observed, and catch every fish in the river.

Red Ute remembered



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted a celebration of life for tribal elder Eddie Box Sr., also known as Red Ute, who passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 18, in North Carolina. Box was 92. A tribal member involved in many facets of Southern Ute activity and culture during his life, Box was remembered fondly by family members and friends during the event at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.





Hundreds turned out for the memorial service for Eddie Box Sr., a testament to the number of lives he touched.

Veterans honor Eddie Box Sr., who was the last surviving Southern Ute World War II veteran.

Ornaments for D.C.



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Handmade Christmas ornaments will make their way from Ignacio to Meeker, Colo., for a blessing, and then to Washington, D.C., to be displayed on the national tree during the holiday season. Tribal elder Evelyn Russell stands with her collection of snowflake streamers during the final days of the monthslong craftmaking workshop on Thursday, Oct. 4.





Bears adorned with the tribal seal cover an entire table

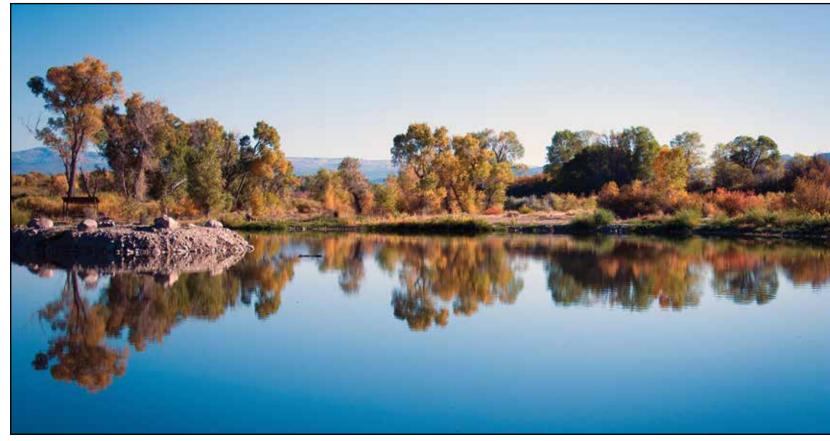
Nicole Burch proudly displays one of her own ornaments.





Autumn ()

Autumn alights on Scott's Pond



warmth of summer has begun to give way to the cool and quiet fall on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Southern Ute Drum captured these photos on Scott's Pond on the morning of Friday, Sept. 21.

vibrant

Photos by Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

A still morning on Scott's Pond invites literal and metaphorical reflection.



A rainbow of colors touches the plant life surrounding Scott's Pond on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.



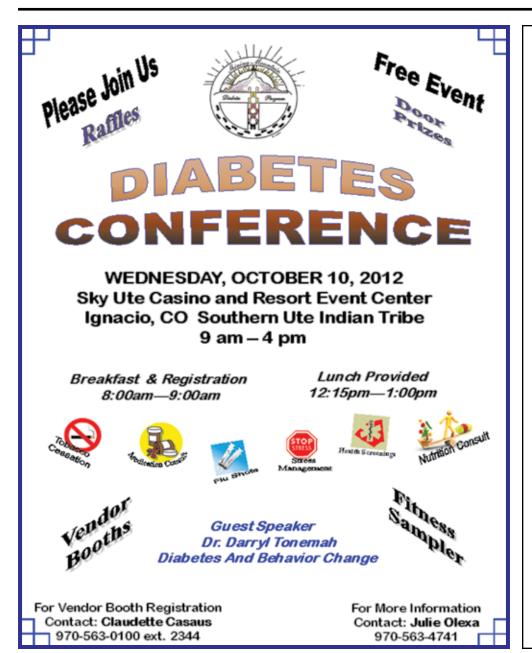
Standing tall and full, this tree will not fully relent to autumn's tide for another couple weeks.



Cooling temperatures make the notion of a midday walk more appealing.



A single bee picks through the foliage.



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GENERAL MEETING • FROM PAGE 1

Flagg said he's considering dropping the buffet at the Aspen Room to in favor of a new steakhouse that would offer a more luxurious atmosphere for guests.

The multi-million dollar resort, that has had its hits and misses, is working on innovative ways to create an improved experience that everyone can enjoy, he said.

Executive Officers Steve Herrera and Amy Barry heard concerns and suggestions for improvements from tribal members on a range of issues, including how job openings are advertised. Some complained of confusion between jobs with similar titles.

Others said there was room for improvement in how notifications from tribal departments are delivered. Barry promised tribal members that their voices were being heard.

With two Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council seats opening in November, the Executive Office reminded tribal members of the importance of voting for people they feel would represent them best.

Later in the day, Wildlife Biologist Aran Johnson of the Natural Resources Department gave a brief update on the Brunot Treaty lands on which the three Ute tribes share hunting rights. He encouraged tribal members to take advantage of the department's hunting education courses and permitting. The season for hunting certain animals on the Brunot land soon will be over, he said.

The Lands Division



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Lady Joycelyn Dutchie gives an opening statement to tribal members during a general meeting at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, Sept. 20.

took comments from tribal members who feel that not enough housing is offered on the reservation. The division responded by saying it has received proposals and is working on developing a new subdivision, though nothing has been finalized to date.

Concluding the meeting was a discussion of the announcement that Tribal Health Director Tom Duran is leaving to take a new post with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Many tribal elders were openly emotional about the news, with some accusing the Tribal Council of "pushing Duran out." Other department employees and tribal members also expressed sadness at his departure. Many said starting over with a new director would be a major setback.

Duran, who has served in the position for 8 years, ensured the membership that the decision was a mutual and that he felt he had taken the department as far as he could.

Dedicated to the water



photos courtesy Tim Watts

Peace and Dignity Journeys is a spiritual run that brings indigenous communities together across North, Central and South America. This year's journey is dedicated to water. Participants came through the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in September and stopped at Lake Capote, where they met up with several members of the Southern and Ute Mountain Ute tribes.

Agriculture offering beans, potatoes, flour

We are very excited and happy to be able to offer the tribal membership flour and blue

corn meal along with the beans and potatoes this year. We will take orders through Oct. 5

Our hope is to have the potatoes from Farm Fresh in Alamosa here the following week and

distribute them on Oct. 12. We will receive the beans from Adobe Milling in Dove Creek and flour and blue corn meal from Cortez Milling on Oct. 18 and start distributing on Oct.

19. If you have any questions give us a call at 970-563-0220.

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\$16

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POTATOES:

5 lbs.

10 lbs.

50 lbs.

50 lbs.

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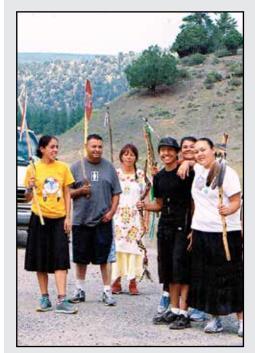
50 lbs.

Red potatoes

Gold potatoes

Russet potatoes

Bakers 50 lbs. \$8 a box



by phone, e-mail, or at our office.



Colorado, California, Runners from Canada, Mexico and Alaska made their way south across tribal lands.

Local representation included Hanley Frost, David Baca and Rose Marie Rivera, pictured here with the runners. Not pictured is Tim Watts, who photographed the group as they departed from Lake Capote.

FLOUR:

5 lbs.

25 lbs.

50 lbs.

5 lbs.

10 lbs.

25 lbs.

50 lbs.

5 lbs.

10 lbs.

Blue Bird

White Rose

Red Rose (unbleached)

\$2.25

\$9.25

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4 CORNERS NEWS

Brown honored for 'Common Sense in the Courtroom'

Staff report

COLORADO CIVIL JUSTICE LEAGUE

Colorado Rep. J. Paul Brown, R-Ignacio, is among a select group of legislators to receive Colorado Civil Justice League's "Common Sense in the Courtroom"

award for 2011.

The league is the only organization in Colorado focused exclusively on stopping lawsuit abuse while preserving a system of civil justice that fairly compensates actual victims. Brown and other awardwinning legislators were for-

mally recognized at CCJL's annual Awards Luncheon, which featured keynote speaker Walter Olson, editor of the popular website Overlawyered.com.

> "CCJL awards legislators who take a stand against abusive lawsuits," said Jeff Weist, lobbyist for CCJL.

The Colorado State Veterans Home

Cordially invites you to attend the 25th Anniversary and Open House

Showcasing our \$3.8 M Remodeling Project funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs

> Come See Our Expanded Rehabilitation Gym Grounds beautification And many other improvements!

Saturday, October 13, 2012 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

> PROGRAM 10:00 - 10:45

Guest Speaker: Former U.S. House of Representatives Scott Mclinnis

BBQ: 11:45 - 1:30 Tours: 12:00 - 2:00 Live Entertainment: 10:45 - 2:00

Colorado State Veterans Home 851 E. 5th Street Rifle, CO 81650 970-625-0842

"Caring Communities that honor America's Heroes"



at Rifle

BEANS:

4 lbs.

10 lbs.

20 lbs.

50 lbs.

10 lbs.

20 lbs.

50 lbs.

3 lbs.

Anasazi beans

Blue corn meal

Pinto beans

20 lbs. \$7.25 50 lbs. \$18

\$1.50

\$2.50

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\$11



Shining Mountain Diabetes Program & Southern Ute Health Center

Activate your Health & Wellness

Please join us for an 8-week series on topics related to health, diabetes, pre-diabetes, and prevention! We will have a variety of health professionals to share information & answer questions.



<u>Thursdays</u> September 6-October 25

(Best parking near bowling entrance) Classes are Free & Family Members are Welcome

You may attend any or all of the classes – no need to enroll... just show up!

Refreshments will be served

*Participants who attend 5 out of the 8 sessions will receive a free gift after series completed

October 11, 2012:

Standards of Care & Prevention of Complications

October 18, 2012:

Stress, Depression, & Mental Health

October 25, 2012:

Kidney Health & Blood Pressure

(topics may be subject to change based on attendee requests & staffing)

For questions, please contact: Julie Olexa: 563-4741 jolexa@southern-ute.nsn.us

Dr. Larron Dolence: 563-0100 ext 2353

Voices

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

PEABODY FAMILY THANKS

The family of Melvin Peabody would like to thank the Mercy Regional Medical Center Emergency Medicine staff and the Flight for Life Colorado crew for helping Melvin to receive the care he needed.

Thanks to Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver, especially the intensive care and nephrology units. Also thanks to the pastoral services and Dr. Clark Kulig of the Porter Transplant Center.

Thank you to Hood Mortuary and Ryan for their help in the funeral arrangements, to the motorcycle escort, and to Joy Pahe for the sax solo. Also thanks to Sun Dance Chief Boyd Lopez, Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr., Gilbert Dutchie and Daxton Redfeather for sharing their words, prayers and songs.

Thanks to Fernessa Dutchie Richards for reading her original poem written for her uncle, and to Jerry Genovese ("Mr. G") for use of his father poem.

Thank you to Jerald Peabody for officiating for his brother, and to Joyce Dutchie for her all help and advice. Thanks to all the

Thank you to Erika Atencio, Tribal Member

Health Benefits, Grounds Maintenance, Multipurpose Facility staff, and the banquet staff of the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Thanks to Marlene Peabody and Benda Watts for the food.

Lastly, thanks to all who attended the viewing and service. Thanks for all the condolences, offers of help, flowers, cards, hugs and tears. If we left anyone out, it was not intentional. Blessing to all.

From the Peaboby and Gunn family

REZ-URRECTION THANKS, AGAIN

I want to thank everyone who supported and believed in the REZ-URRECTION Concert during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair.

This year's event was truly a collaboration of many tribal departments of the three entities of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I, however, left some important names out in my previous letter and would like to recognize them for all their help: LaTitia Taylor, Education Department director; the Southern Ute Powwow Committee; and Jeff Lyman and Ellinda Patrice.

> Thank you, Robert L. Ortiz

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The Southern Ute Drum encourages letters from readers on any topic. We ask that letters be 500 words or less. Letters deemed to be libelous will not be published. Letters should be submitted by email to astryker@southern-ute.nsn.us by the end of the day Monday preceding publication.

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

CELEBRATE LIBRA PEOPLE! Stuffy SATURN leaves your sign on the 5th after which you'll be dancing to a much livelier tune. There's just one hitch ... you need to clear away old business, so you can start your new Solar Year on a positive note. Because SATURN will be entering the money zone of your chart, it's important to create a firm financial base for yourself. Diligence and responsibility will be essential in your spending habits. It's time to adopt more practical routines LIBRA.

M SCORPIO (Oct. 24 − Nov. 22)

Serious SATURN inches into your sign on the 5th signaling that it's time to get down to the business of clearing away the leftovers of the past two years, and move towards future endeavors. MARS may tempt you to make large expensive purchases. It's best to maintain a more conservative approach. Keep your eyes focused on your objectives, later, after the 21st the SUN returns to your sign and launches a new cycle.

✓ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Boredom won't be an issue this month Saggies. Lively MARS charges into your sign on the 6th and immediately amps up your energy level. Sports, outdoor activities, and travel may appeal to some of you. No matter what your choices are, you might jump into action with reckless enthusiasm. Fiery MARS links with spirited URANUS on the 5th and clears a path to love, creativity, and entertainment. Have fun Sag.

% CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

A planetary shift in your favor promises more treats than tricks this month. Be on the alert for a chance to move ahead after the 5th. Your ruling planet SATURN enters the sign of SCORPIO and encourages you to further your ambitions. On the 22nd, the NEW MOON initiates a breezy cycle that fits perfectly with your plans. Rely on your tried and true habit of carefully reviewing all your options before taking action. A beneficial connection between VENUS and PLUTO on the 9th may encourage you to change something in your life. Travel might be a part of that process.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)

Chances are many AQUARIUS folks may have their long range goals tested, and might also alter some ambitions. With SATURN entering the highest point in your chart, it's possible you could be opting in favor of more traditional ventures, rather than pursuing your usual unconventional goals. Distant relatives or friends might be thinking of you with love. Your sense of adventure is calling. This is a favorable month to put together a long range plan.

ℋ PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)

The NEW MOON on the 15th sets a refreshing cycle into motion. Your interaction with others becomes more harmonious, and close personal associations may deepen. The latest news around the Solar System is the BIG BOSS SATURN is moving into the compatible sign of SCORPIO on the 5th, and will open up brand new potential regarding money and resources. Be alert to unexpected opportunities Little Fishes, VENUS in your opposite sign of VIRGO may drop job related perks into your lap. Best days this month are the, 9th, 10th, 16th, and 25th.

γ ARIES (March 21 – April 20) Mars your personal powerhouse planet finishes

its run through the sign of SCORPIO on the 5th and rushes into friendly SAGITTARIUS on the 6th. As SATURN enters a financial section of your chart, it's best to keep your money and credit cards in a safe place. Tiny MERCURY may inspire promising ideas about money management. Relationships, partnerships and marriage are emphasized this month. Teamwork and cooperation are the key to harmonious alliances. A compromising attitude may help to insure a lasting bond in all your close relations.

∀ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

The Solar System has big changes in store for you this month TAURUS. On the 5th a giant ringed planet called SATURN lumbers into your opposite sign of SCORPIO and instantly begins to throw its weight around. Pay close attention to finances. Do what you can to clear away old debt, and organize payments if necessary. Check on insurance and taxes. SATURN likes responsibility and sometimes gives nice rewards for your efforts. The bottom line this October is to carefully manage your accounts. JUPITER goes into its retro-sleep on the 4th and it may be easier to overlook financial details.

Ⅲ GEMINI (May 21 – June 20)

Most GEMINI folks just want to have fun, and that is just what you may be doing this month. GEMINI grannies may be inventing little costumes for their little loved ones and Mom's will be buying Halloween décor. This year Halloween arrives at mid-week and it may put a damper on all the Ghost and Goblin festivities. BOO! Happily, JUPITER in your sign insures that your Halloween will be filled with fun anyway! Choose a costume to fit your personality. The possibilities are endless.

S CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

Much of your OCTOBER action might center in and around the home base. A lighter family atmosphere breezes in after the 5th. Make an effort to create a secure foundation where love and laughter reside. Be creative MOON KIDS, a pumpkin decorating party is sure to please the little ones. Have a prize ready to give to the winner. The children will love creating their own special artwork. Originality and imagination can make this a fun project. HAPPY HALLOWEEN MOON KIDS.

∂ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Hey LEO, VENUS the generous one coasts into the finance section of your chart on the 2nd and boosts your chances of increasing your income. But you still have to work for it Lions because VENUS is moving into practical VIRGO. Regardless of where it goes LEO'S will still spend money. And this month you may be buying health and beauty items. In addition to those necessities, a more inventive notion takes hold, like spending money on a really wild and scary Halloween mask. Go for the drama Lions!

My VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)

VENUS gracefully glides into your sign on the 2nd and launches your month on a gentle note. But don't get all caught up in the glamour VIRGO. Relationships might tend to be confusing on the 3rd when VENUS and NEPTUNE take opposing positions regarding love. Not to worry, it's just a passing phase. Shift your gears and focus your attention on your possessions and finances. A bright and beaming SUN illuminates the whole picture and you should be able to see clearly what needs to be done. You have the opportunity to earn extra cash this month. No doubt you'll come up with a great income producing plan.

TRIBAL OBITUARIES



BOX – Longtime spiritual leader and Southern Ute Tribal Council member Edward Bent "Red Ute" Box Sr., died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012, in Asheville, N.C. He was 92.

A Member of the Moache-Capote Bands of the Ute Nation, Mr. Box was born April 1, 1920, the eighth of nine children born to Jacob and Bertha Bent Box, in Bayfield. He attended the Allen Day School and the Albuquerque Indian School through the 12th grade.

In 1941, he married Dorothy Burch in Aztec. After 33 years of marriage, she preceded him in death in 1974.

In 1942, during World War II, Mr. Box enlisted in the Navv. He served as a motor machinist's mate second class in the South Pacific during the Solomon Island Campaign. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Mr. Box worked at La Plata Motors in Durango as a Ford mechanic after the war. He also was a disk jockey for KIUP (AM-930) and was the first radio announcer to

broadcast in his native Ute language in the Four Corners.

His family said people also will remember him for playing saxophone in an all-Native American band known as "The Pine River Boys."

Mr. Box served 16 years on the Southern Ute Tribal Council. He also served on the Committee of Elders for the American Indian Science and Engineering Society.

One of his greatest passions of the last 60 years was traditional Indian flute-making. He loved to "make wood sing," his family said. Mr. Box was a member of the Indian Arts and Crafts Association, Southern Highland Craft Guild and the International Native American Flute Association.

Known as "Red Ute," his Native American name, he began to follow the traditional spiritual path of the Ute People in 1952 by entering the Sun Dance Lodge on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation in Towaoc. He danced there annually for four years before being asked in 1956 to lead the Southern Ute Sun Dance by the late Sun Dance Chief and Tribal Elder Edwin Cloud in Ignacio. Mr. Box served the Ute People for 42 years in this capacity before choosing his successor, Neil Buck Cloud, in 1994. As Mr. Box was still living when Mr. Cloud retired, he appointed Kenneth Frost as his final successor in 2010.

Mr. Box also served as chief of the annual Bear Dance Ceremonial for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for 38 years. Upon his retirement, he appointed the late Gerald Howe and Rudley Weaver as his successors in 1999.

In 1990, he married Diane Colbath in Durango. The couple moved to Asheville in 2000. In addition to his first wife, Mr. Box also was preceded in death by his son James Lloyd Box Sr.; and grandson Jimmy Paul.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Diane C. Box of Asheville; son Edward Burch Box, also known as "Eddie Box Jr.," of Ignacio; adopted son Jeffrey James Creeden of Asheville; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

According to his wishes, cremation took place at sunrise on the fourth day after his death. He once said, "I want to leave this world the same way I came into it - in a very humble way." His ashes will be scattered at a later date.

A memorial celebration of life will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012, at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort Events Center.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Samantha R. Maez

Job Title: Museum intern

Job Duties: Front desk clerk, working with artifacts. Hobbies: Shooting guns and beading.

Family: Mother Ernestine Pena, father Samuel Maez, brothers Brandon Silva and Alyas Maez, and sister Chantell

Tribe: Southern Ute

Comments: I hope to make a great addition to the museum staff and bring nothing but joy to the community.

Yvonne Phillips

Job title: Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy education assistant Job duties: Assisting the guide in the Upper L classroom. Hobbies: I love to spend time with grandchildren. I enjoy traveling, cross-stitch and Sudoku. Family: I live with my partner Ron. I have three grown children - Andre, Ashlea, and Anthony - and three grandchildren, Jarius, Kayra, and Kayren. Tribe: Southern Ute



Natalie Richards

(No photo available)

Job title: Receptionist/mail clerk

Job duties: Greet and meet visitors and staff. Also distribute mail. Hobbies: Spending time with my family, fishing, and any activities outdoors. Family: Boys Nick and Rylan Herrera, daughter-in-law Tori, two dogs. Tribe: Southern Ute

Lida S. Allen

(No photo available)

Job title: Multi-purpose, chapel, Ute Park, administrative assistant Job duties: Answering the phone, help put together senior breakfast. Hobbies: Making flower arrangements, listening to music.

Family: Crystal, Daniel and Christopher

Tribe: Southern Ute

Comments: It's been great working for the Southern Ute Tribe, and all the people I've met.

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Deadline

Oct. 15

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to the following address:

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ELECTION UPDATE

October 2012 Southern Ute Election Board — Hours of Business POST NOTICE OF ELECTION 13 24 DEADLINE VOTER REGISTRATION & ABSENTEE BALLOT August 6th to November 2nd — Monday to Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305 Southern Ute Election Board Long Distance: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303 PO Box 737 MS#32 Ignacio, CO 81137 E-mail: election@southern-ute.nsn.us

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2012 NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION TWO (2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2012 November General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

General Election - Friday, November 2, 2012 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Constitution Article IV, Section 1

There shall be annual elections on the first Friday in November.

Voter Registration Deadline - Wednesday, October 24, 2012, by 5 p.m. Election Code 11-1-104 (1)

Any enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline - Wednesday, October 24, 2012, by 5 p.m. Election Code 11-5-102 (2)

Requests for an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.

Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline - Thursday, November 1, 2012, by 5 p.m. Election Code 11-5-107 (1) (2) (3)

A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an emergency absentee ballot if: (a) He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for absentee ballot request; or, (b) He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot requests. The written request shall contain the following: (a) The voter's name and address; (b) The nature of the emergency causing confinement or absence from the reservation; and, (c) The voter's signature.

The emergency ballot request must be made before the day of the election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall promptly be notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that a request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of a medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.

Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305 Off-Reservation tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303 Email is election@southern-ute.nsn.us

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION

Nov. 2, 2012

SunUte Community Center · 7 a.m. − 7 p.m.

Candidates for Tribal Council member seats are: Notice - Vote for two

> Delbert D. Cuthair Jr. Howard D. Richards Sr. **Vince Mirabal** Adam Red **Erwin E. Taylor** Alex S. Cloud

THE CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

- Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center.
- · Voting is by secret ballot.
- · Voting by proxy is not allowed.
- · Persons waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Official voter registration deadline: Oct. 24 by 5 p.m. Absentee ballot request deadline: Oct. 24 by 5 p.m. Emergency absentee deadline: Nov. 1 by 5 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305. Off-reservation tribal members please phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303. Email is election@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Election Board is open Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

Salazar applauds Senate confirmation of Washburn

U.S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR

rior Ken Salazar applauded Affairs at the Department of the Senate's confirmation of the Interior.

Staff report Kevin K. Washburn, a member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, to serve as as-U.S. Secretary of the Inte-sistant secretary for Indian

The Senate confirmed Washburn's nomination, which President Obama announced in early August, by unanimous consent on Friday, Sept. 21.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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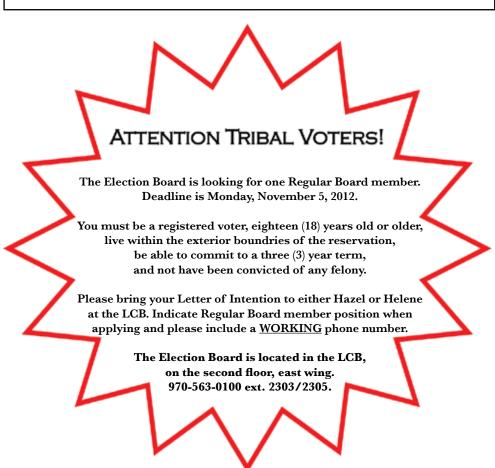
In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2012-PR-127 NOTICE OF PROBATE Melvin Cline Peabody, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent. the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof

You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above

address on November 5, 2012 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

> Dated this 1st of October, 2012 Karla Tucson, Deputy Court Clerk



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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 2012

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Notice - Vote for Two	
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Royalty Auditor

Closing 10/8/12 – Dept. of Energy

Ignacio, CO. Performs audits of Southern Ute Tribal oil and gas royalties in accordance with existing laws, regulations, lease terms, orders, and notices; and responsible for compliance of royalties from Southern Ute mineral leases.

Assistant Operations Manager

Closing 10/9/12 – GF Real Estate Group Denver, CO. Provides analytical, accounting and general management support primarily for the Belmar asset within the National Division of GF Real Estate Group (GFREG). Responsibilities include project budgeting, financial analysis of operating performance, research, and reporting. The position will provide local accounting support for the GFREG National Group office. In addition, responsibilities will include assisting in real estate leasing, contract administration, monitoring and management of the many facets of the Belmar asset, construction management and development project management and budgeting. Responsibilities also include assistance with commercial loan portfolio related to Belmar.

Visual Basic Developer I

Closing 10/12/12 – SU Shared Services Ignacio, CO. Analyzes, maintains and develops reports; maintains SAP's Business Objects (BOBJ) and Budgeting, Planning and Consolidation (BPC) systems; supports customers' business goals; assists reporting end users and Shared Services

staff as needed in BOBJ and BPC operation and maintenance, including development, backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the business.

Royalty Audit Technician

Closing 10/6/12 - Dept. of Energy Ignacio, CO. Performs clerical and audit support work for the Royalty Audit Program.

Lease Operator II

Closing 10/11/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Manages and maintains field operations to ensure that production proceeds safely and efficiently in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with Red Willow priorities and concerns. Assists in collecting and maintaining accurate data related to operations including production data and equipment data.

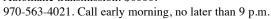
COO/President - Aka Energy, LLC

Closing 10/8/12 - Aka Energy, LLC

Durango, CO. This position is responsible for achieving established P&L, environmental, safety, and commercial goals. Directs company activities to achieve approved goals and objectives. Provides administrative and supervisory oversight to company employees and project activities. Provides recommendations and reports to the Growth Fund and Tribal Council. Authorizes or delegates all management decisions not requiring higher approval. Serves as company spokesperson in external relations.

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information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777 Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Clinical Information Technologist - Chief training period. **Software Architect**

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Tribal Ranger

Closes 10/5/12

Under the general supervision of Wildlife Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade 18: \$18.62 hour.

Animal Control Officer

Closes 10/5/12

Under the general supervision of the Animal Control Senior Officer, assures compliance of the Tribal Animal Control Code through enforcement and education. Pay grade 16: \$15.37 hour.

Trainee Employment Counselor

Closes 10/5/12

Southern Ute tribal member only. Under general supervision of the Program Manager, the Vocational Rehabilitation Employment Counselor (VREC) provides array of vocational rehabilitation services to eligible consumers with disabilities which include employment counseling, guidance, job placement and maintenance. The Employment Counselor will also refer the consumer to additional programs and services such as education, native healing and counseling. In order to appropriately assist, support and advocate for the consumer, the Employment Counselor must be familiar in working with individuals who have been diagnosed with a disability and be culturally sensitive and ware of differing cultural norms, traditions and practices. This trainee position's wage starts at 20% under the pay grade 17, or \$28,214 and is eligible for quarterly increases depending upon satisfactory evaluations, to increase salary to \$35,217 by the end of the

Executive Administrative Assistant

Closes 10/5/12

Performs administrative support and office management for the Department of Tribal Services including budget preparation and monitoring; report preparations, coordination and consolidation; office records management; reception and clerical services to the Department Director, Division Heads, and Department Staff and have knowledge of service delivery protocol for each Division/Program. Pay grade 16: \$15.37/hour.

Senior Detention officer

Closes 10/6/12

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the Detention Center. This position is a grade 18: \$18.62/hour.

Academic Advisor

Closes 10/15/12

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SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM **Board of Directors vacancy**

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a tribal or community member for its Board of Directors. The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month and

later will meet quarterly. Please submit a letter of intent in person to SUCCM or by mail to P. O. Box 737, #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE **Powwow Committee vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee Member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee

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IGNACIO BIKE WEEK

Report: Attendance, revenue growing but short of expectations

Planners retooling approach for next year after \$66K loss

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The final event report for Ignacio Bike Week 2012 bore a message at once gloomy about the present and optimistic for the future.

The good: Attendance rose about 9 percent over last year, to approximately 25,000 attendees. Revenues rose. A record number of volunteers turned out. The return to the Sky Ute Fairgrounds was, in principle, enthusiastically received.

The bad: Of all rally attendees, just under 3,500 paid a gate fee to access events in the fairgrounds roughly one in seven people. Vendors in the fairgrounds felt like low traffic hurt sales. while vendors downtown felt slighted by the extra promotion directed toward the fairgrounds. Several planned events were derailed by unforeseen problems.

And, most significantly, the event brought in about \$106,000 while costing nearly \$172,000 — not great arithmetic by anyone's count.

"This is the first year we've ever lost money," said Emily Meisner, president of the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce. "We lost our shirt, OK? ... [But] the potential is great."

That was the message of the day: Chalk this one up to learning, get it right next year.

"We want a chance to make it right," said Mel Silva, a member of the event's Executive Committee. "We need to

start work the minute we walk out this door."

Most signifi-

cant among the report's suggestions change was to move the event entirely into the fairgrounds, eliminating competition internally tween locations. Many attendees seemed to find it unnecessary or unreasonable to spend money for admission to the fairgrounds when there was so much to do downtown and at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

"We competed with ourselves unneces-

sarily and it cost the chamber in excess of \$50,000," the report read. "This can be resolved in multiple ways and should be considered a learning experience rather than a complete loss."

Another key suggestion was to begin the search for next year's sponsors now, rather than waiting until next April or May. Many national corporations make sponsorship decisions in October for the following year, Event Coordinator Johnny Valdez said.

Most chamber members agreed it's time to leave failure in the past and start working



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum file photo Ignacio Events LLC, a subsidiary company of the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce, presented its final event report to the chamber on Wednesday, Oct. 3. The bottom line: Some hopeful signs for the future, but key problems put the 2012 event as a whole in the red.

> on next year's event. A motion to permit the committee to develop a "recovery plan" and move forward with courting national sponsors and laying passed overwhelmingly.

But in the short term, there are some questions to answer. Ignacio Chamber Events, the chamber-owned LLC formed to produce this year's event, borrowed money it won't be able to repay immediately. Valdez said he would be meeting with stakeholders in the coming weeks to see what can be done to position the event

CHIMNEY ROCK • FROM PAGE 1



courtesy U.S. Forest Service

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. visits with U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar following a celebration of the establishment of Chimney Rock National Monument on Friday, Sept. 21.

Salazar, a former U.S. senator for Colorado, said it's important the federal government acknowledge the contributions of Native Americans to the modern United States.

"Today we honor the first Americans and their culture and the traditions they have passed on to all of us," he said. "There is an American dream that belongs to every one of us. ... It's all about a united America, and we're all in this together."

Salazar's brother John, other groundwork for 2013 commissioner of the Colorado Department of Agriculture and a former Colorado representative to Congress, called the formation "a gift to the people of southwest Colorado."

> Ross Aragon, mayor of Pagosa Springs, said simply: "Finally."

THE WINDING ROAD

The road to national monument status was indirect and fraught with political concerns. It was first listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970.

In May 2010, then-Rep. John Salazar and Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., introduced legislation in Congress that would have created a monument, but Monument in Utah - that made little progress.

Earlier this year, Rep. Scott Tipton, R-Colo. who replaced Salazar in November 2010 — successfully won approval for a monument bill in the House, but

Bennet's Senate bill became tangled in partisan infight-

So they took a different tack. In April, Tipton, Bennet, and Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo., wrote a letter to Obama requesting he use his power under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to make the designation himself. The presidential appeal ultimately worked.

"The president singled out Chimney Rock because of all of the support from the community," said Nancy Sutley, chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

It was only the third time Obama has used the power: Earlier in his term, he issued similar proclamations to create the Fort Monroe National Monument in Virginia and the Fort Ord National Monument in California.

Various officials repeated the theme that community support is what drew his attention.

"There was a uniformity about it that you don't often see," Vilsack said. "It wasn't a hard case to make. We just had to get it to him."

That's a stark contrast to some past uses of Antiquities Act authority - such as President Clinton's 1996 establishment of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National

were highly controversial. "This community all over Colorado has set a standard that Washington should be following," Bennet said. "If there is a more beautiful place on this planet at this

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moment today, I'm not sure what it would be."

Bennet joked that his role in persuading the president marked the first time his daughter claimed to be proud of his congressional service.

CHANGES AHEAD

Harris Sherman, USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, said the federal government will "bring resources, staff, talent and commitment to the day-to-day management of the monument."

He lauded the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, a volunteer group, for their ongoing efforts at the site. The association has given and will continue to give group tours.

"They are our band of unsung heroes," he said.

Representing the descendants of Chimney Rock's original inhabitants was President Chandler Sanchez of the All Indian Pueblo Council, a group composed of the 20 Pueblos of New Mexico. He called it "a great day for my ancestors."

"This site here is very sacred to each and every one of us," he said. "As I was sitting here, I was looking up and I could almost see my ancestors ... looking down with a happy heart."

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. and members Aaron V. Torres and Pathimi GoodTracks represented the tribe at the event.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

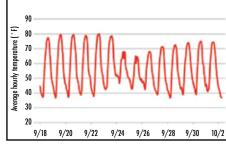


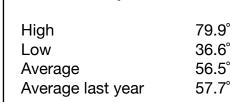






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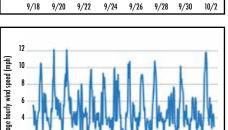
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